

**ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING
EXAMINING BOARD[193C]**

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 542B.6, the Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board proposes to amend Chapter 3, “Application and Renewal Process,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment clarifies requirements regarding academic transcripts for license and examination applicants. This clarification will enable license and examination applicants to submit materials that are in line with Board expectations and will therefore provide for a more efficient application process.

Any interested person may make written or oral suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before March 16, 2011. Comments should be directed to Robert Lampe, Executive Officer, Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board, 1920 SE Hulsizer Road, Ankeny, Iowa 50021; by telephone at (515)281-7360; or by E-mail to robert.lampe@iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Professional Licensing Bureau, 1920 SE Hulsizer Road, Ankeny, Iowa. At the hearing, persons who wish to speak will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment.

Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and has special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board to discuss specific needs.

This amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 193—Chapter 5.

This amendment was approved by the Board on January 6, 2011.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 542B.2, 542B.13, 542B.14, and 542B.20.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 3.1(3) as follows:

3.1(3) Academic transcripts.

a. United States institutions. Completion of post-high school education shall be evidenced by the board’s receipt of an applicant’s transcripts directly from the office of the registrar of each institution attended.

b. Institutions outside the United States. Transcripts from institutions located outside the boundaries of the United States of America shall be sent directly from the institution to an evaluation service and shall be evaluated for authenticity and substantial equivalency with Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) or Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) accredited engineering programs. To be readily acceptable, such evaluations shall be from the ~~Center for Professional Engineering Education Services (CPEES)~~ National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). However, the board may accept evaluations from other recognized foreign credential evaluators ~~satisfactorily~~ satisfactory to the board. The expense of the evaluation is at the expense responsibility of the applicant. Each evaluation shall be sent directly to the board from the evaluation service and shall include a copy of the transcript in the form sent to the evaluation service directly from the educational institution. Each evaluation must address both whether the transcript is authentic and whether the engineering program is equivalent to those accredited by ABET or EAC.